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No. 9470. EDINBURGH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1782.

THEATRE-ROYAL.

On THURSDAY Evening, May 9. 1782. will be presented,
The COMEDY of

THE BUSY BODY.

Marplot, (with an Addreſs) Mr WARD;
Sir Francis Gripe, Mr Hollingſworth; Sir Jealous Traffic, Mr Charteris: Charles, Mr Knight; Whiſper, Mr Taylor; Butler, Mr Simpſon;
And Sir George Airy, Mr WILLIAMSON.
Iſabinda, Mrs WOODS;
Patch, Mrs Kniveton; Scentwell, Mrs Mountfort;
And Miranda, Miſs KIRBY.

To which will be added a FARCE, called,

THE ANATOMIST; or, SHAM DOCTOR.

Criſpin, Mr JOHNSON;
Old Gerald, Mr Hollingſworth; Young Gerald, Mr Taylor; Martin, Mr T. Banks; Simon Burley, Mr Simpſon;
And Monſieur le Medicine, Mr CHARTERIS;
Doctor's Wife, Mrs CHARTERIS;
Angelica, Mrs Henderſon; Waiting Woman, Mrs Mountfort;
And Beatrice, Mrs KNIVETON;

Tickets and places for the Boxes to be had of Mr GIBB, at the Box-Office of the Theatre.

Laſt Benefit but One.

Mrs WARD's BENEFIT.

On SATURDAY evening next, May 11. 1782, will be preſented,
A PLAY, written by SHAKESPEARE, called

THE WINTER's TALE,

OR

THE HAPPY DISCOVERY.

(Now performing at the Theatre-Royal, Drury Lane, with the greateſt applauſe.)

Leontes, Mr WILLIAMSON.
Florizel, Mr WOODS.
Perdita, (with a Song) Mrs JACKSON;
Paulina, Mrs KNIVETON;
And Hermione, Mrs WARD.

IN ACT III.
A GRAND TRIAL OF THE QUEEN HERMIONE.
End of the Play,

THE ADVENTURES OF AN EDINBURGH BUCK,

(Written by the late ROBERT FERGUSON)
Will be delivered, (for that night only) by Mr WARD.

Between the Play and Farce will be preſented (for the only time),
A New Interlude, called,

ALL-HALLOW FAIR.

In the courſe of which, will be an exact Repreſentation of

A BULL-BAITING,

As exhibited at the Theatre-Royal, Covent-Garden, with univerſal Approbation.

To conclude with an OLD APPLE WOMAN TOSS'D by the BULL.

To which will be added, (never acted here) a Farce, called,

MAN AND WIFE.

(Written by G. COLMAN, Eſq; author of the Clandeſtine Marriage, Jealous Wife, Bonce is in him, &c. and acted upwards of fifty times at Covent Garden, with great applauſe and approbation.

Marcourt, Mr WARD;
Kitchen, Mr JOHNSON;
Croſs, Mr HOLLINGSWORTH.
Sally, Mrs KNIVETON;——Charlotte, Miſs KIRBY;
And Mrs Croſs, Mrs CHARTERIS.

Tickets and Places for the Boxes to be had of Mrs WARD, at Mr Steveſon's painter, Shakeſpeare-ſquare; and of Mr GIBB, at the Box-Office of the Theatre.

LAST BENEFIT this Seaſon.

For the Benefit of Mr HOLLINGSWORTH.

On MONDAY Evening, May 13. will be preſented, (*by Deſire*) the Comedy of

THE RIVALS.

Sir Anthony Abſolute, Mr JOHNSON;
Captain Abſolute, Mr WOODS;—Faulkland, Mr WILLIAMSON;
Sir Lucius O'Trigger, Mr Hallion; Fag, Mr Taylor;
David, Mr Hollingſworth; Coachman, Mr T. Banks;
And Acres, Mr WARD.

Miſs Lydia Languiſh, Miſs KIRBY.
Mrs Malaprop, Mrs Charteris; Lucy, Mrs Mountfort;
And Julia, Mrs WARD.

End of the Play, a favourite Song, called,
"*Zooks! that an Old Man can't keep a Chicken.*"
By Mr HOLLINGSWORTH.

To which will be added, Garrick's celebrated Dramatic Satire of

LETHE; or, ÆSOP IN THE SHADES.

Lord Chalkſtone, Mr WILLIAMSON;
The Fine Gentleman, Mr Knight; Old Man, Mr Hollingſworth; Æſop, Mr Mountfort; Frenchman, Mr Charteris; Mercury, (with Songs in Character) Mr Hallion; Charon, Mr Simpſon;
Bowman, Mr T. Banks; John, Mr Taylor;
And the Drunken Man, Mr WOODS.
The Fine Lady, Mrs KNIVETON.

Tickets delivered by Mrs HENDERSON, Mr MOUNTFORT, and Mr SIMPSON, will be received.
Tickets to be had of Mr HOLLINGSWORTH,
and of Mr Gibb, at the Office of the Theatre, where places for the Boxes may be taken.

EXCISE OFFICE, EDINBURGH, 3d May 1782.

By order of the Hon. COMMISSIONERS OF EXCISE.

ON SATURDAY the 11th day of May inſt. at twelve o'clock noon, there will be expoſed to SALE by public auction, at the Exciſe Warehouſe in LEITH, (purſuant to act of Parliament), The following Quantities of TEA, ſeized and condemned as forfeited, viz.

		Per lib.
2 Boxes, containing	112 lib. of GREEN TEA, appraiſed at	9s. 0d.
25 Ditto,	2019 lib. of BLACK TEA, at	7s. 0d.
5 Ditto,	404 lib. of ditto, at	6s. 6d.
1 Ditto,	28 lib. of ditto, at	5s. 0d.
2 Caſks,	141 lib. of ditto, at	3s. 6d.
2 Ditto & 1 bag, containing	222 lib. of ditto, at	3s. 0d.
Bags, &c. containing	107 lib. of ditto, at	6s. 6d.
Ditto, containing	264 lib. of ditto, at	6s. 0d.
Ditto,	252 lib. of ditto, at	5s. 6d.
Ditto,	20 lib. of ditto, at	5s. 0d.
Ditto,	9 lib. of ditto, at	4s. 6d.
Ditto,	79 lib. of ditto, at	4s. 0d.
Ditto,	145 lib. of ditto, at	3s. 6d.
Ditto,	477 lib. of ditto, at	3s. 0d.
Ditto,	55 lib. of ditto, at	2s. 6d.

The goods, which will be put up in lots, and the conditions of ſale, to be ſeen at the above-mentioned Warehouſe on the day preceding, and the morning of the day of ſale.

TO be SOLD, at Lawſon's Coffeehouſe in Leith, on Saturday the 13th curt. at twelve o'clock noon,

One Iron Six-pounder GUN. Alſo,
Two hundred and ten large, and Thirty-ſeven ſmall } Pieces CAST IRON Ballaſt.

AND

A Parcel BROKEN IRON, from on board La Jeune Dunkerquoiſe.
The conditions of ſale will be ſhown by James Hamilton broker in Leith.

TO be SOLD, by auction, by Mr Cart, at the Bull-head at Hinckley, in the county of Leiceſter, on Wedneſday the 29th May 1782, by order of the aſſignees of Mr Richard Seller hoſier, a bankrupt,

One Hundred and Eleven STOCKING-FRAMES

of various gages, in good condition, and calculated for the moſt uſeful part of the Stocking Manufactory.—Deſcriptive Catalogues with conditions of ſale, may be had at Garraway's Coffee-houſe, London; the Saracen's Head, Glaſgow; the Exchange Coffee-houſe, and Dann's Hotel, Edinburgh; and of the auctioneer, at Leiceſter on Wedneſday preceding the ſale.

One Hundred and eleven Stocking Frames being a greater number than were ever ſold in England by auction in one day, the Auctioneer, with great reſpect to the merchants of Scotland, thought it proper to announce the ſale in the CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

To COVER this Seaſon, at AUCHTERHOUSE, near Dundee,

A FINE YOUNG STALLION, full grown,

betwixt fourteen and fifteen hands high; his age ſix riſing ſeven of a beautiful cheſnut colour; got by a Morocco bath; his dam full ſiſter to Highlander, well known on the turf.——Price to Gentlemen Two Guineas, and a Crown to the groom; to Farmers, One Guinea.

Whoever ſends their mares may depend on their being properly taken care of.

Government State Lottery for Ireland.

THE TICKETS, HALVES, QUARTERS, and EIGHTHS, are ſold and regiſtered by

MESS. NICHOLSON, AND CO. STOCK-BROKERS,
At their State-Lottery Office,
The King's Arms, Bank Buildings, Cornhill:

By whom in the laſt Lottery, Thirteen of the Capital Prizes were ſold, and ſhared.

The Prizes in this Lottery will ſell at the rate of about 90 per cent. They are thereby enabled to give the following advantages to the purchaſers of the under mentioned Shares, viz.

A SHARE AT ONE GUINEA

Will receive in Money, without any Deduction whatever, as ſoon as drawn,

L. 1400	If a prize of	L. 10000	L. 70	If a prize of	L. 500
700	——	5000	14	——	100
280	——	2000	7	——	50
140	——	1000	3	——	20

And ONE GUINEA if a Prize of TEN POUNDS.

N. B. The firſt and laſt drawn Tickets are included.

A Share at Two GUINEAS will receive exactly DOUBLE the above Benefits.

And a Share at HALF-A-GUINEA will receive exactly ONE HALF of the above Sums.

*** The above Shares partake of every Prize whatever, throughout the whole drawing, and have *not Two Blanks to a Prize.*

All Shares ſold at the above Office will be ſtamped with the Crown, and round it, "NICHOLSON and Co's Lottery Office."

Letters (Poſt paid) punctually attended.—The Lottery begins drawing June 24.—Schemes *gratis.*

BONNYHAUGH PRINTFIELD,

NEAR EDINBURGH, 1782.

JAMES REID and CO. continue to PRINT LINENS and COTTONS, for Houſehold-furniture, Garments, &c. after the beſt manner.

Their books, containing great variety of new and faſhionable patterns, to be ſeen, and cloths taken in for printing, by the following perſons, VIZ.

Mr SAMUEL PATERSON, Luckenbooths,
Mr John Young, Grais-market,
Mr George Cumming, Canongate-head, } Edinburgh.

Mrs Gordon merchant, Leith.	Mr Brown, Burntiſland.
Mr Douglas, Muſſelburgh.	Mr Kelty, Auchtermuchty.
Mr Young, Kirkliſton.	Mr Arnot, St Andrews.
Mr Marſhall, Borrowſtounneſs.	Mr Gibb and Son, Leſly.
Mr Wilſon, Hamilton.	Mr Sharp, Inverneſs.
merchant, Glaſgow.	Mr Grant, Haddo.
Mr Ar. Weir merchant, Greenock.	Mr Cha. Anderſon, Preſtonpans.
Mr Murdoch, Ayr.	Mr Duddingſton, Crail.
Miſs Clark milliner, Kilmarnock.	Mr David Rainnie merchant, Ormiſton.
Mr Ireland, Dunfermline.	Mr Alexander, Loanhead.
Mr Skinner weaver, Kettle.	Miſs Mary Paiſley, Hawick.
Mrs Dick, Kinroſs.	

And at the Printfield, where attention will be given, and the cloths returned with diſpatch.

NOTICE

To the CREDTIORS of the deceaſed Mr THOMAS MARSHALL, late miniſter of the Relief Congregation at Wamphray.

THE Creditors of the ſaid Mr Thomas Marſhall are deſired to meet in the houſe of Mrs Macdonnel vintner in Moffat, on Friday the 17th day of May inſtant, in order to conſider the ſtate of his affairs, and concert meaſures for their payment; and as it is of importance that all the creditors ſhould attend by themſelves or their doers, it is expected this notice will be attended to.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Creditors of ALEXANDER and JOHN LEARMONTH Merchants in Leith, as partners and individuals, did, on the 28th of January laſt, prorogate the time for lodging claims, and oaths on the verity, in order for a firſt diſtribution of the perſonal eſtates, to the 1ſt of Auguſt next, and appointed the firſt diſtribution to be made on the 2d of September following. The creditors are hereby requeſted to attend to this reſolution of the general meeting, and to lodge their Claims, vouchers, and oaths on the verity, with Alexander Roſs, the truſtee, without delay.

Notice is likewiſe hereby given to the Creditors of Alexander Learmonth, that his heritable ſubject has been ſold, and the price thereof will be divided on the 2d of September next, if the whole known Creditors produce their intereſts in the hands of Alexander Roſs the truſtee before that time, which it is entreated they will do, as otherwiſe a multiple-poinding will become neceſſary with reſpect to this heritable fund.

SALE OF BLACK CATTLE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, at the Mains of Kinlochmoydart, lying on the weſt coaſt of Scotland, about twenty miles from Fort-William, on Monday the 20th day of May current,

The whole STOCKING of CATTLE on the Farm of Kinlochmoydart, conſiſting of Milch and Yell Cows, three year old Stots, two year old Queys and Stots, Stirks, with Horſes, and a few Riding Mares.

They were all the property of a Gentleman lately deceaſed, who was at great pains in rearing the beſt kind and breed of cattle in the weſt Highlands. Not to be repeated.

TO BE SOLD,

A SHARE of 500l. in the Forth and Clyde Navigation Company.

For particulars, enquire at William Anderſon writer to the ſignet.

FARMS TO LET.

TO be LET, and entered to at Whitſunday next, for ſuch number of years as can be agreed on, The following FARMS, viz.

KEDSLIE and HAGGS, in the pariſh of Lauder and ſhire of Berwick;

AND

LANGMUIR, in the pariſh of Stow and ſhire of Edinburgh.

The preſent tenants will ſhow the grounds; and for further particulars, apply to the proprietor at Edinburgh.

Mills and Brewerie in Fifeſhire for a Diſtillery.

TO be LET for ſuch a number of years as may be agreed upon, and entered to at Martinmas next, 1782,——The CORN and BARLEY MILLS OF CRAIGROTHIE, with the aſtricted Multures of the barony of Struthers, and Mill Lands, Houſes, and Pertinents; as alſo a convenient BREWERIE, and ſuitable offices, all lying contiguous in the pariſh of Ceres, and county of Fife. Theſe ſubjects are ſituated in the centre of a fine corn country, about a mile and a half ſouth of Cupar, in the neighbourhood of coal and lime, and within four miles and a half of the frith of Forth; and, by reaſon of plentiful ſupplies, and a high fall of excellent water, with a number of other conveniencies, are well calculate for the diſtillery buſineſs in all its branches. As a diſtiller in this part of the country is much wanted, the proprietor will, on reaſonable terms, erect a ſtill-houſe, with any additional buildings neceſſary; or he will feu off the brewerie, mills, and pertinents, ſo as that any ſubſtantial improvements in the way of buildings, &c. may accrue to the feuar, who will have immediate acceſs to the premiſſes for theſe purpoſes. A tackſman may likewiſe be accommodated with about 150 acres of the lands of Scotſtarvet adjoining to Craigrothie, ſubſtantially incloſed and ſubdivided.

Apply to Oliver Gourlay the proprietor, at Craigrothie by Cupar.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, *May* 3.

The Mermaid, Reynolds, from Liverpool to the coaſt of Africa, has taken the Spaniſh polacre Nra. Sra. de la Morrat, ——, from St Sebaſtian's to the Havanna, and ſent her into Liſbon.

The Commerce, Houghton, from Liverpool to the Leeward Iſlands, was taken by a French letter of marque, bound from Marſeilles to Martinico, and retaken by an Engliſh frigate, and carried into Antigua.

The Aurora frigate has retaken and brought into Plymouth the ſloop Cetharina, with herrings.

The Stadt Antwerpen, Clements, from London to Amſterdam and Embden, failed from Margate the 9th of March laſt, and has not ſince been heard of.

Yarmouth, 29. Laſt night and this morning it blew a gale of wind at E. N. E. in which the Benjamin and Ann, Captain Ratcliff, a tranſport, belonging to Whitby, drove on ſhore near Corton, and went to pieces; the people ſaved.

The Planter, Corbet, from Tortola to Liverpool, was taken four days after the failed, by a French frigate of 44 guns.

The Londonderry Packet, Fiſher, from Antigua to St Kitts and Londondery, was captured at St Kitts by the French fleet.

Plymouth, 28. This day arrived the Latona and Pelican frigates, with two French luggers, names unknown. Alſo arrived the Recovery frigate, with L'Actionaire, French man of war of 64 guns, taken after a chace of 20 hours, by his Majeſty's ſhip Queen.

Falmouth, 29. Since my laſt arrived a large French ſhip from Breſt, laden with wine and brandy, taken by his Majeſty's ſhip La Prudente.

Yarmouth, 29. Remain in the Road his Majeſty's ſhips Belle Poule, Cyclops, and Emerald, and 13 ſail of tranſports bound to the Weſer. Wind Eaſt, and blows hard.

Portſmouth, 2. The Succeſs frigate is gone out of harbour to Spithead. The Foudroyant man of war is come into harbour. Wind E.

From the London Papers, May 3.

LONDON.

Wedneſday, the following gentlemen were choſen for the Secret Committee in the Houſe of Commons, to enquire into the ſtate of the national debt, and the finances of this country:

Thomas Pitt, Eſq;	Right Hon. I. Barre.
Hon. W. Pitt, Eſq;	H. Duncomb, Eſq;
W. Huſſey, Eſq;	W. M. Pitt, Eſq;
Sir Gilbert Elliot.	Sam. Salt, Eſq;
Hon. C. Marſham.	W. Wilberforce, Eſq;
W. Baker, Eſq;	Sir G. A. Shuckburgh.
George Byng, Eſq;	W. Ewer, Eſq;
T. Powys, Eſq;	

It is ſaid that 3000 ſeamen have been impreſſed in the northern ports within theſe few days; this is the chief cauſe of the very rapid and uncommon riſe of coals.

It is ſaid, that when the Marquis de Bouille took poſſeſſion of Brimſtone-Hill, he walked through the different fortifications, which he found a mere heap of ruins; he was ſurpriſed at the ſight, and turning to Brigadier-General Fraſer, who accompanied him, aſked him by what means the works had been ſo completely deſtroyed? The General replied, "By your bombs, Sir." The Marquis, with aſtoniſhment, exclaimed, "Sure, *my* bombs could not have done all this miſchief." But he had no ſoon uttered the words, than he felt hurt at his own inadvertence; for he found that the General was ſhocked with the recollection, that all the miſchief had been done by the *Engliſh* bombs, which the Marquis had found at the foot of Brimſtone Hill.

However deſerving cenſure in other reſpects, candour muſt acquit the late Miniſtry of what they have been accuſed of by paſſion and prejudice. They have been charged with throwing obſtructions in the way of a peace with the Dutch; whereas it is a fact too ſtubborn to admit of a contradiction, that the difficulty experienced in negociating a treaty with the States of Holland, is to be wholly aſcribed to the machinations of the Court of France.

A correſpondent diſapproves of the propoſed enquiry into the ſtate of the nation, becauſe it will be giving our enemies information, which, if tranſmitted by a private individual, would render him liable to the forfeiture of his life. Since it is avowed, that this enquiry is meant to include every particular relating to our naval and military affaire, will not the neceſſity of ſpies being employed by foreign powers be entirely ſuperſeded? And is not there a man now in cuſtody, on a poſitive accuſation of treaſon, for doing imperfectly, and upon a contracted ſcale, that identical buſineſs which it is deſigned to execute in a complete manner, and upon a plan of infinitely greater extent?

AT the Court at St James's, the 3d of May 1782.

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable George Waldegrave, commonly called Lord Viſcount Chewton, Vice-Chamberlain of his Majeſty's Houſehold, was, by his Majeſty's command, ſworn of his Majeſty's moſt Hon. Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

St James's, May 4.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Viſcount Weymouth, to be Groome of his Majeſty's Stole, and Firſt Gentleman of his Majeſty's Bed Chamber.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Lieutenant-General John Burgoyne, commander in chief of his Majeſty's forces in Ireland, and the Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Fitzpatrick, to be of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council in the kingdom of Ireland.

Admiralty-Office, May 4. 1782.

Extract of a letter from the Honourable Captain Frederick Maitland, of his Majeſty's ſhip the Queen, to Mr Stephens, dated off the Start, April 28.

I BEG you will communicate to their Lordſhips, that, on Sunday morning the 21ſt inſtant, Commodore Elliot made our ſignal, about ten o'clock, to aſſiſt the Foudroyant and her prize, as it then blowed very hard. So ſoon as the weather permitted, I took every expeditious method to ſhift the priſoners, and to refit her; and by nine o'clock next morning we had taken out above 300 priſoners, and ſent an officer and 40 men, in addition to the officer and 50 men put on board by Captain Jervis; about which time we diſcovered a large ſhip to the ſouthward, ſtanding to the S. W. upon a wind. I could ſoon perceive ſhe was not an Engliſh man of war, and the French officers aſſured me ſhe was the Protecteur, of 74 guns. I immediately ordered the Pegaſus, together with one of the cutters that was in company, to make the beſt of their way for the firſt convenient port in England, and made ſail towards the ſtrange ſhip, which, after a chace of fourteen hours, we came up with in the night, and took, upon firing one broadſide, (ſtill ſuppoſing her to be the Protecteur) and he only fired his guns, and ſtruck his colours. On ſending a boat on board, I found her to be the Actionnaire, of 64 guns, armée en flute, commanded by Monſ. de Querengal, Knight of the order of St Louis, with 250 ſeamen, and 550 ſoldiers on board, of which nine were killed and fifteen wounded, bound from Breſt to the Iſle of France. We find ſhe has a great quantity of naval and ordnance ſtores on board, beſides proviſions, wine, and rum, together with eleven cheſts of money. When we were in chace, the Latona frigate appeared to windward, and made the private ſignal; but, being diſabled in her maſts, it was next morning before ſhe joined us. I now had 1100 priſoners to manage, and therefore took the liberty to detain her twenty-four hours, to aſſiſt in ſhifting the priſoners, and to take on board 150 of them. Captain Conway then parted company.

In juſtice to my officers and ſhip's company, I cannot omit ſaying, that they diſcovered a very high degree of ardour and ſpirit in coming up with the enemy, and, during the whole of this affair, behaved in ſuch a manner as merits my eſteem and approbation.

The following is a liſt of the prizes, part of the French convoy, taken by Vice-Admiral Barrington's ſquadron, which have arrived at Portſmouth or Plymouth, ſince the four mentioned in laſt Saturday's Gazette.

Le Chatnoir, a ſchooner, with proviſions.
Le Grand Sarpedon.
Le Superbe.
L'Amphion.
La Novice.
La Villanova.
Le Marquis de Caſtries.

Alſo a ſhip, name unknown, arrived at Falmouth.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, *Friday, May* 3.

Mr FOX reported his Majeſty's anſwer to the addreſs of thanks of Thurſday.

The bill for reſtraining Sir Thomas Rumbold and Mr Peiryn from quitting the kingdom, being then committted,

The *Lord Advocate* obſerved, that the framers of it had adhered as cloſely as poſſible to that which had been brought in for locking up the eſtates of the perſons concerned in the South-Sea Company ſcheme; but as there was ſome difference between the preſent caſe, and that of the parties concerned in the South-Sea, he found himſelf obliged to propoſe a neceſſary clauſe to it. In the one caſe, the property of the perſons, who were the objects of the bill, lay all in England; in the preſent caſe, a part of it was probably in India. In order therefore to diſcover this, he moved for leave to bring in a clauſe, which ſhould compel the parties to deliver in an account of their property upon oath, to the Chief Baron of the Exchequer; and to authoriſe the Mayor's Court at Calcutta to examine people upon oath touching the ſame; and, as a reward to thoſe who ſhould diſcover any concealed effects, he propoſed to allow them 9l. per cent. on all they ſhould diſcover. Leave being given to bring up the clauſe, and the Chairman having read it,

Sir *Thomas Rumbold* objected to the clauſe, as ſubjecting him to very uncommon hardſhips. The bill before them in the Committee, he ſaid, might well be called a puniſhment, as it went to lock up his property, and prevent him from alienating any part of it, if he ſhould ſtand in need of it: It went alſo to compel him to give an account upon oath, of all he was worth in the world; this ſurely was a puniſhment; yet he had not been permitted to make any defence to avert it. This might be called juſtice; but *he* could not call that juſtice, which inflicted puniſhment on a man before he had been heard in his defence. He laid his claim therefore to a hearing, and ſaid he would preſent a petition, praying to be heard by his counſel againſt the bill. There was another thing on which he thought it neceſſary to ſay a few words: It had been induſtriouſly reported abroad, that a great part of his property lay in foreign funds; he moſt ſolemnly declared, that he had not ſixpenny-worth of property in Europe, except in Great Britain; nor had he any property in China, as ſome people imagined; there was ſome in India; but when he ſhould give in his account upon oath, the Houſe would find that his wealth had been greatly exaggerated. As the whole of his property therefore lay within the dominions of Great Britain, there could be no occaſion for impoſing upon him conditions that would ſubject him to perpetual impriſonment. He was to be bound in 100,000 l. not to leave the kingdom; and to find two ſureties in 50,000 l. each. With reſpect to the ſum in which he was himſelf to be bound, he had no objection to it; he did not care if it was greater; but prejudices having been raiſed againſt him, he could not find two perſons who would be bound for him in the ſum demanded of them; becauſe his property being in ſo very precarious a ſituation, it was not in his power to indemnify them. And indeed, when he conſidered that the Houſe knew he was poſſeſſed of a very conſiderable real eſtate in this kingdom, which, were he ſo inclined, he could not at preſent alienate; he could not but think that he was hardly dealt by, as it could not be ſuppoſed that he would renounce his property and his country, as he had no reaſon to think, that though he ſhould even be found guilty of the charges brought againſt him, the pecuniary puniſhment that might be laid upon him would come up to any thing near the value of his real eſtates. A rumour had indeed been ſpread, that he would not abide the deciſion of the law; but the reaſons he had juſt given would be a ſufficient anſwer to ſuch a report. He concluded, by urging his claim to be heard by counſel againſt the bill.

The *Lord Advocate* ſaid, he was ſorry he muſt oppoſe this claim: If the Honourable Member had a right to be heard now, all the preceding ſteps had been wrong; if they were right, it was not yet time for him to be heard; that time would come when the bill ſhould be read the ſecond time. As to the report that the Honourable Baronet intended to fly from juſtice, he really did not believe it; and he had told all who had mentioned it to him, that he had not ſeen one ſymptom to induce him to believe it. With regard to the two ſureties in 50,000 l. each, he had no objection to make an alteration on that head; and to look only for five ſecurities, in 10,000 l. each; he knew that the Honourable Member had ſuch relations and connections, that he could not be at a loſs for ſuch ſureties; the ſecurity looked for was not that the money ſhould be paid, but that the Honourable Baronet would not fly from juſtice: It was a point of honour on one ſide, and of confidence on the other; and thoſe, who could put confidence in his honour, could have no objection to become bound for his appearance. As to hearing his defence in the preſent ſtage, it would be contrary to the precedent in the South Sea caſe, which the framers of the preſent bill had ſtrictly copied.

Sir *Thomas Rumbold* maintained, that the caſes were by no means parallel; as in the one, the perſons concerned had, in their petition to the Houſe of Lords, acknowledged their guilt; whereas he, on the contrary, ſtood upon his defence, and maintained his innocence. He was ſorry the Houſe did not ſeem inclined to remain ſatisfied with his own perſonal ſecurity; as he really did not know, in his preſent ſituation, how to aſk any friend to be bound for him. However, come what would, he deſired it might be underſtood that he proteſted againſt the bill, and pleaded not guilty. The Committee then went through the bill, to be reported on Monday.

Mr Alderman *Wilkes* next roſe, and, after a ſhort preface, made his annual motion for expunging the reſolution of the 15th of February 1769, relative to the Middleſex election.

Mr *Byng* ſeconded the motion.

Mr *Fox* ſaid he oppoſed it not from any falſe pride, or fear of being thought inconſiſtent; but he had turned the queſtion frequently in his mind, and was ſtill convinced that the reſolution gentlemen wanted to expunge was founded on right principles: It was for the good of the people of England that the Houſe ſhould have a power of expelling any man whom they thought unworthy of ſitting among them. This was a privilege too valuable to be given up. He ſuppoſed ſome caſes in which its public utility would be acknowledged: If the bill for excluding contractors from ſeats in that Houſe, had been rejected in the other, and the Houſe of Commons ſhould come to a reſolution of their own, that no perſon holding a contract ſhould ſit amongſt them, the preſent contractors, on loſing their ſeats, might be re-elected, and if not prevented by this inherent privilege of the Houſe to expel, might be returned again. However, though he oppoſed the motion, he felt very little anxiety for the event of the queſtion; for when he found the voice of the people was againſt the privilege, which he believed was the preſent caſe, he would not make uſe of the privilege againſt the people. He did not think it of much conſequence likewiſe to retain the privilege, when the power to enforce it was gone. The power was now undoubtedly gone; for gentlemen might remember, that when two members of that Houſe, as Magiſtrates of London, had groſsly violated the privilege, the natural puniſhment ought to have been expulſion: But the Houſe being afraid to proceed to that length, the public no longer acknowledged the privilege; they had aſſociated, they had declared their ſentiments to Parliament; and had taught Parliament to liſten to the voice of their conſtituents. The mere expunging of the reſolution, however, would not be of any great uſe; the doctrine would remain juſt as before; unleſs a bill ſhould be brought in, to put the matter beyond all diſpute.

The *Lord Advocate* alſo oppoſed the motion, but ſpoke principally to Mr Fox's idea of excluding any one from a ſeat in that Houſe by a mere reſolution of the Houſe, and without the concurrence of the other branches of the Legiſlature: Such a reſolution, he ſaid, would be contrary to all law, and to the very ſpirit of the conſtitution, according to which no one ought to be deprived of his franchiſe but by law. He animadverted alſo on the doctrine of aſſociations, which he condemned as dangerous to the laſt degree. If ten or twelve gentlemen, he ſaid, ſhould aſſociate, why not ten thouſand; and God only knew where ſuch aſſociations would end. That Houſe had ſeen an aſſociation of 20,000 men, with blue cockades, and their exceſſes were too well remembered. In a word, from ſuch meetings confuſion muſt ariſe, and from confuſion tyranny and deſpotiſm would ſpring up.

Lord *Mahon*, Lord *Surrey*, Sir *P. Clerke*, and the *Secretary at War*, ſpoke for the motion: At laſt the Houſe divided, when there appeared,

For expunging,	—	—	115
Againſt it	—	—	47
Majority for the motion,			68

A motion was then made by General *Smith*, for an addreſs to the King, to recal Sir Elijah Impey.

Mr *Dempſter* moved the previous queſtion; but on a diviſion there appeared,

For the recal,	—	—	51
Againſt it,	—	—	5
Majority,			46

Lord *Surry* afterwards gave notice, that on Friday next he would move for a committee to take into conſideration the penſions granted between the 15th of February, and the 30th of April laſt; and Mr Byng ſaid, that he ſhould particularly animadvert on the penſion granted during that period to a member of the other Houſe (Lord Loughborough).——Adjourned.

From the London Papers, May 4.

LONDON.

We can aſſure our readers, that the new adminiſtration are not without very ſanguine expectations of being able to effect a general pacification on terms perfectly honourable to this country.—Immediately on their acceſſion to their new dignities, two gentlemen, Meſſ. Oſwald and Whitford, both formerly reſident in America, and gentlemen of the moſt reſpectable characters, were diſpatched to Paris, to confer with Dr Franklin, on the ſubject of a partial negociation on the part of America only.—The anſwer given by the Doctor was direct and peremptory, that the United Colonies would moſt aſſuredly liſten to no propoſals tending to a peace, which did not include France and the other belligerent powers as parties. He at the ſame time inſinuated, that on theſe terms, and on the moſt unqualified admiſſion of American independence, probably none of the powers at war would have much objection to a peace, nor did he ſuppoſe that an ungenerous depreſſion of Great Britain would be much inſiſted upon. Mr Oſwald and Mr Whitford delivered this reply to adminiſtration, and two other gentlemen have been ſince ſent over with more enlarged inſtructions, and with a power of obviating moſt of the objections that had been previouſly ſtarted.

By advices from Portſmouth, dated May 3, we learn, that Admiral Kempenfelt has hoiſted his flag on board the Royal George, and has proceeded with the following ſhips under his command to cruize off Breſt, with a view to intercept their St Domingo fleet, lately ſailed from Ferrol.

Names.	*Guns.*	*Commanders.*
Royal George	100	Adm. Kempenfelt, Captain Waghouſe,
Bellona	74	Captain Onſlow,
Courageux	74	Captain Phipps,
Fortitude	74	Captain Keppel,
Goliah	74	Captain Sir Hyde Parker,
Sampſon	64	Captain Harvey,
Vigilant	64	Captain Douglas,
Monſieur	36	Captain Finch.

A letter from, Portſmouth, dated May 1, from an officer in Admiral Barrington's fleet, ſays, "We are all in the greateſt buſtle imaginable: ſome intelligence of conſequence has been received at the Admiralty, and we have orders to proceed to proceed to ſea with the greateſt expedition—I date ſay we ſhall ſail about Sunday. Various are the reports about the object of our purſuit, but we underſtand it to be the homeward-bound St Domingo fleet, and ſome Dutch Eaſt-Indiamen. We expect Lord Howe here to-morrow, to take the command. From our late ſucceſs, we are all in the greateſt ſpirits; and I truſt, from the unanimity that appears throughout the navy, we ſhall be able to give you a good account of the enemy in a few days. The Courageux and Raiſonable are fitting with the utmoſt diſpatch, which we conceive are intended for the Weſt-Indies. We ſhall have in all about fifteen ſail of the line, and eight frigates, beſides a few ſmaller ſhips."

If we may believe the accounts from France, another fleet of tranſports than the two already diſperſed by the Admirals Barrington and Kempenfelt, is collecting at Breſt, in order to ſail with ſtores, &c. for the Eaſt Indies. But as thoſe brave officers are ſtill in the ſervice, and the management of affairs is in the hands of miniſters who do not ſeem likely to ſlumber over their employments; if this third fleet ſhould venture out, there is little reaſon to fear but we ſhall be able to give as good an account of it as we did of the the two former.

The following is an account of the cargoes of part of the French prizes, lately taken by the ſquandron under Admiral Barrington:

L'Amphion, Sven Maijborn maſter, burthen about 700 tons, laden with iron and copper kettles, coals, nails, wine, brandy, vinegar, pork, medicines, and other merchandize, together with two caſes containing 14,400 livres, and a barrel containing 2000 dollars.

Villa Nova, Andres Hoog maſter, burthen about 260 tons, laden with proviſions, wine, brandy, and other merchandize.

Le Superbe, Matthew Colliſſoo maſter, burthen about 700 tons, laden with bombs, iron balls, mooring chains, wine, beef, pork, flour, cables, and cordage.

La Lionne, Duchart maſter, burthen about 550 tons, laden with proviſions, ſoap, oil, candles, cordage; about 3000 four pound cannon balls, and 237 ſoldiers.

Le Duc de Chartres, Jean Baptiſta, Louis L'Ecolier maſter, burthen about 360 tons, laden with gunpowder, cordage, muſkets, iron, proviſions, brandy, wine, bale goods, and other merchandize.

La Bellona, Pirree Scolan maſter, burthen about 400 tons, laden with cordage, proviſions, wine, brandy, 5800 four-pound cannon balls, 35 cheſts of muſkets, and 152 ſoldiers.

The particulars of the others are not yet come to hand.

It is ſomewhat remarkable, that Monſieur l'Aarne and the officers of the regiment d'Acquitane, who were taken by Admiral Kempenfelt laſt December, on their voyage to the Eaſt-Indies, are now taken once more in l'Actionnaire; and one of the Captains of the captured tranſports has been ſix times taken, and thrice ſhipwrecked during the preſent war.

The ſtoreſhips that went out with Commodore Johnſtone are all ſafe arrived at their places of deſtination. The St Carlos, Porpus, Manilla, and Myrtle, were ſafe at Bombay in November laſt.

The Load Advocate of Scotland, we are informed, is going out to India with very enlarged powers.

Yeſterday Lord Effingham reported to the Houſe of Peers, that his Majeſty had been waited upon with their Lordſhips addreſs of Thurſday laſt, and that he was pleaſed to return a moſt gracious anſwer.

Yeſterday, Mr Secretary Fox reported to the Houſe of Commons, that his Majeſty had been waited upon with the addreſs of that Houſe of Thurſday laſt, and that he was pleaſed to give a moſt gracious anſwer thereto.

Freſh orders were yeſterday iſſued by the Treaſury, to the officers of the ſeveral departments intended to be aboliſhed, to deliver in their bills to the Treaſury up to Lady-day laſt, in order that they may be immediately diſburſed.—Amongſt others included in this laſt ſweep, were the Lords of Police in Scotland, the Paymaſter of the Penſions, and Surveyor of the Board of Works.

The following is the junto *againſt* thoſe in power, Mr Jenkinſon, Mr Ellis, Mr Rigby, Lord Denbigh, and Lord Stormont; theſe have meetings very often at each others houſes, and the plan is to watch favourable opportunities, and adviſe the K. how to manage the C. in ſuch a manner as to promote the great object—diviſion.

The new arrangement talked of, is the following:

Duke of Grafton, Firſt Lord of the Admiralty.
Lord Aſhburton, Chancellor.
Mr Burke, Chancellor of the Exchequer.
Lord Gower, Preſident of the Council.

It is ſaid that Mr Byng will very ſoon be created a Baronet.

The Sovereign ſaw his late Miniſters loſing all his dominions abroad, and he is now comforted with the proſpect of the preſent men deſtroying all his power at home.

There is ſo general a want of naval ſtores at the Cape and Mauritius, that the capture of the laſt outward bound Eaſt India fleet will reduce the French fleet in the Aſiatic ſeas to the greateſt extremity imaginable, eſpecially as there are no neutral ſettlements in thoſe parts that can furniſh them with the leaſt ſupply.

Yeſterday ſixteen bills received the Royal aſſent, by virtue of a commiſſion under the Great Seal for that purpoſe; amongſt which are the following:

The bill for quartering the Heſſian troops coming from Minorca—the Militia Pay Bill—the Greenland Fiſhery Bill—the Bill for the Inrolment of Deeds and Wills of Papiſts—the Bill relative to Eaſt-India goods—the Bill relative to ranſoming ſhips—and the Bill for the more ſpeedy recovery of Small Debts in the town of Rocheſter.

The Danes pocket a loſs by the war with the Dutch. Every veſſel that paſſes the Sound pays a duty or tribute to the King of Denmark; now as there has been a falling off from the Dutch ſhips, from 500 to 11, ſo of courſe the Sound-gelt has fallen in the ſame proportion. The trade, indeed, of the Danes has not decreaſed, for they carry their own ſtores to the different belligerent powers; but the trade itſelf has not encreaſed; and the ſhipping of Denmark, in point of tonnage, is ſtill the ſame; ſo that the Danes do not gain one way, what they loſe in another; and therefore the part of the revenue ariſing from the Sound-gelt, uſually paid by the Dutch, is a pure loſs to the Danes; for if the receipts at the Cuſtomhouſe in the Sound continue to be the ſame as uſual, that part which uſed to be paid by the Dutch, is now paid by the Daniſh ſhips, and is therefore levied on the Danes themſelves. This is one of the happy conſequences that Denmark feels from the treaty of Armed Neutrality.

The Dutch were formerly ſupplied with coals from Newcaſtle and Sunderland, but they are now exceedingly diſtreſſed for want of fuel, which bears a moſt extravagant price in the different provinces of Holland.

Yesterday Sir James Marriot made the report of the five pirates under sentence of death, (among whom is Luke Ryan) when they were all ordered for execution on Wednesday next.

Mr PRINTER,

THE King having been pleased to issue his Sign Manual for my discharge from confinement, I am apprehensive that this enlargement may be imputed to a solicitation on my part, unless the real grounds of it are made known; which I shall therefore beg leave to state in your Morning Herald of Monday next.

King's Bench, H. BATE.
Friday, May 3. 1782.

PRICE OF STOCKS, MAY 4.

Bank Stock, —	South Sea Stock, —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, 72¾ a 73.	3 per cent. Old Ann. —
3½ per cent. 1758, —	Ditto New. Ann. —
3 per cent. con. 59¼ a ⅜ a ½ a ⅝.	Ditto 1751, —
3 per cent. red. 58½.	Exch. Bills, —
3 per cent. 1726, —	Navy Bills, 10¼ a ⅜ dise.
Long. Ann. 17½ a 5-11ths a ⅞.	Lot. Tick. 16 l. 6 s.
Short Ann. 1778, —	3 per cent. Scrip. 60½ a ¾.
India Stock, —	4 per cent. Scrip. 73½.
3 per cent. Ann. —	Light L. Ann. 17½.
India Bonds, 14 prem.	Omnium, —

EDINBURGH.

The London Gazette, brought by this day's post, contains a Proclamation offering pardon to all persons either convicted or accused of smuggling, provided they enter into the Royal navy on or before the first day of July next. Also, a notice from the War-Office, that all deserters from the land forces, who shall surrender themselves before the 18th of June next, will be forgiven. This Gazette likewise contains Addresses to his Majesty, from the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of York; from the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the City of Hereford; and, from the merchants and principal inhabitants of Great Yarmouth.

After a long debate in the House of Lords of Ireland, on Thursday last, on the Popery bills, they both passed by a majority of seventeen.

Yesterday, the Synod of Lothian and Tweedale met here. After hearing an excellent sermon preached by the Rev Dr James Moffat, minister of Newlands, from these words, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye e-"ven so to them; for this is the law and the prophets," Matthew, chap. xii. ver. 7. they made choice of the Rev. Mr Thomas Robertson, minister of Dalmeny, to be their Moderator. No business of importance coming before them, they adjourned.

We are informed, that Captain Elliot, of the Edgar man of war, is to be second in command, as Commodore, of the northern squadron, under Sir John Lockhart Ross.

The following is deemed an uncommon instance of fecundity:—An ewe, the property of Mr Worsdale, of Spanby, Lincolnshire, has yean'd 20 lambs in the space of five years; the first year she brought forth two, the second year three, the third year four, the fourth year five, and the fifth year six, five of which are alive.

A General Meeting of the Society in Scotland for propagating Christian knowledge, is to be held on Tuesday next the 14th curt. within their Hall in Warriston's Close, Edinburgh, at one o'clock afternoon.

A Theatrical Correspondent acquaints us, that the dogs have been in training some time past, for the *Bull-Baiting*, which will be introduced in a new Interlude, called *All-Hallow-Fair*, that is to be performed on Saturday evening next at the Theatre-Royal, after Shakespeare's admirable Play of the *Winter's Tale*, that has drawn so many crowded houses in the course of the present and the last seasons, at the Theatre-Royal, Drury-Lane, London. Indeed, if we may judge from the bill of fare for the above night, the lovers of the Drama will be highly entertained; for, besides the fore-mentioned performances, Mr Colman's much-admired petit piece of *Man and Wife*, that abounds with such infinite wit and humour, will also make its first appearance before an Edinburgh audience.

Extract of a letter from Ayr, May 6.

"Lord Kaims and Lord Braxfield opened the circuit court of Justiciary at this place on Thursday last, the 2d current. William Renny, wright in Kilmarnock, was indicted for writing and sending an incendiary letter to Colonel Walkinshaw Crawford, of Crawfordland, in the year 1777, subsequent to which a house newly built upon his estate was burnt. The jury found the libel not proven, and he was assoilzied. There was no other trial before the court, which rises to-morrow, and concludes the southern circuit."

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, May 6.

On Friday and Saturday several large vessels passed by this place to the northward, supposed to be Greenlandmen.

"By the continuance of the wind at E. and N. E. the weather is still very cold, to a degree very uncommon at this season; on Saturday morning there was a great fall of snow with a very keen frost, and there is scarcely any appearance of vegetation in this country."

Extract of a letter from Cork, April 29.

"On the 19th of this month, a cutter privateer appeared off this harbour, and most effectually and completely blocked it up for the space of three days, taking and ransoming every vessel that came in sight. Notice was sent to the naval commanding officer, who could do nothing, as there was no frigate or cutter which he could send out; the two frigates which were in the harbour, were as convoy to an outward-bound fleet, and the Lennox was too large and heavy to do any thing. She fired at and took a vessel just under Mr Roche of Traboligan's house. On the 16th of March, a privateer engaged two Liverpool-men, that were going to join the West-India fleet, which had the day before sailed from Cork, and took them both, just opposite the harbour. The engagement began at nine o'clock at night, and lasted till twelve, during which time, nor afterwards, did any vessel go to their assistance, although two frigates and a tender were in the harbour, and the wind strong at north. Notice of the engagement was sent to all the batteries, but as the wind was too high for a boat to go to the men of war, and no signals established, they could do nothing but act as spectators. This neglected state of the first port in Ireland, needs no comment."

Extract of a letter from Cork, April 18.

"The Venus, Capt. Brown, from St Lucia for Liverpool, put into Kinsale last Tuesday, with an American prize from Carolina: Capt. Brown left St Lucia so late as the 21st of March, and brings advice of the Admirals Rodney, Hood, and Drake being to windward of the French islands, waiting for the fleet of men of war and transports that sailed from Brest in February. An account had reached St Lucia, of Tortola's being plundered by a squadron of American privateers, and on the 22d ult. this account was confirmed to Capt. Brown by a Danish vessel called the Friendship, Dease master, who left St Croix a few days before.

"This day arrived his Majesty's ships Dædalus, 36 guns, Capt. Pringle; and Albemarle, 22 guns, Capt. Taylor, from Portsmouth."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, April 23.

"Yesterday morning, died, at Portumna-Castle, the Right Honourable the Earl of Clanricarde.

"The Duke of Portland's plan in the government of Ireland, is in the greatest points of œconomy and proper popular accommodation to coalesce with the English administration: of course the Irish pension list is not only to be weeded, but for the most part grubbed up: Lord Townshend's useless Boards of Stamps and Accounts to be abolished, and the business done by the Revenue Commissioners, and all sinecure and exorbitant places to be lopped and extirpated!

"In respect to commercial considerations, the growth of flax is to have new and irresistible encouragement. The manufacture of the coarser woollens, as well as the linen trade, is to be aided by Parliament, and as much as possible to alter the agriculture of the country, to diminish the quantity of land applied at present only to the purposes of grazing, and to encrease the quantity of arable land. Parliamentary premiums are to be given very liberally to the use of the plough. The latter resolutions are said to have arisen from the salutary suggestions of the Marquis of Rockingham.

"Several gentlemen of the first character in the country, now in Dublin, had a meeting on Saturday last, at the King's Arms Tavern, when it was unanimously resolved, That they (and they pledged themselves also for their friends) would not give any, or the least credit to the declarations made by any members of parliament on any of the constitutional points, who have not made a public avowal of their sentiments on said points, antecedent to the late changes in the administration of both kingdoms. Circular letters, in consequence of this resolution, have been sent to divers parts of the country, to prevent any promises or engagements being entered into, respecting suffrages at the next general election."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, April 27.

"The following notice was filed in the coffee-houses on Thursday:

"Mr Fitzpatrick presents his compliments to the Lord Mayor, and, by command of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, acquaints his Lordship, that Captain Holdt, of the Danish ship the Friendship, arrived in the harbour, reports, that he was boarded by a French cutter privateer, of 16 guns, last Saturday night, between Corke and Waterford, who took a sack of bread from him. The privateer stood off for a brig then in sight, and near the shore, and fired upon her; the brig returned it, and carried away the cutter's main sail, by which Capt. Holdt thinks the brig escaped. Dublin Castle, April 24. 1782."

"The Lord Lieutenant will go to the House of Lords on Tuesday next, to give the royal assent to such bills as will then be ready; after which the Houses will adjourn for fifteen days, in order to wait for his Majesty's answer to the addresses, and the propositions of the British parliament.

"The Duke of Portland goes to-morrow to the Parochial church of St Werburgh's, to receive the sacrament, and on Monday will appear in the Court of Chancery to take the oaths, as qualifications to execute his Majesty's commission as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

"We are assured the present commander of the forces in Ireland will resign his staff.

"Whatever changes may happen on this side of the water, we find the new administration are resolved to retain the abilities of Mr John Foster, as that gentleman is at present high in the favour and confidence of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

"The two new Vice Treasurers of Ireland are expected here in the beginning of next month in order to qualify for their offices. Sir George Younge, who is one of them, it is said, will be extremely caressed by the nobility and gentry here, for his very kind and proper conduct respecting this kingdom, on all occasions, and the liberal part he has ever, but particularly of late, taken to enlarge the trade and establish the constitution of Ireland, and for which he is now so well rewarded by a sinecure employment in this kingdom of 3500 l. per annum.

"It is confidently affirmed, that General Burgoyne refused to accept of the chief command in Ireland, till he had an unconditional promise that the patronage so long annexed to that high post should be restored to it, which has not been the case since the death of the late Earl of Rothes, which, after some difficulties had been started, said to originate with a certain Great Personage, was at length acceeded to.---It was a refusal to a request of a similar nature, which was the cause of the gallant Elliot, now the great military defender of Gibraltar, resigning a few years since the chief command of the army in this kingdom.

"We are assured that the pension of 2000 l. per annum on this establishment, granted to Admiral Rodney, as a reward for his piratical expedition against St Eustatia, is withdrawn.

"We hear, heads of a bill, similar to the bill brought into the British House of Commons, will be moved for here in a few days, by the Right Hon. Henry Flood, for the purpose of incapacitating officers in the revenue voting at elections for members of Parliament."

On Wednesday the 1st current, the Annual Distribution of Prizes to the Students of the ETHIC, LOGIC, GREEK, and HUMANITY Classes of GLASGOW COLLEGE, was made in the Common Hall, by the Principal and the Professors, in presence of a numerous meeting of the University.

The Prizes of the ETHIC CLASS were adjudged for the best exercise, in Latin, on *Self-command*, to
Thomas Jefferson, Cumberland.

For the best Essays in English, on subjects in Moral Philosophy, prescribed during the session, to

Tho. Jefferson, Cumberland.	Thomas Cunninghame, B. A. Glasgow.
William Nevin, Ireland.	

The Prizes of the LOGIC CLASS were adjudged for the best *Abstract* and *Additional Observations* on Mr Addison's Criticisms on *Milton's* Paradise Lost, to
Henry Glassford, Glasgow.

For the best *Criticism* on the paper of the Spectator, No. 418, to
John Craig, Glasgow.

For the best Essay on *Literary Ambition*, to
Thomas Jefferson, Cumberland.

For the best specimens of Composition on various subjects of *Reasoning* and *Taste*, prescribed during the session, to

Joseph Jefferson, Cumberland.	Campbell Betham, Isle of Man.
Hugh Melklejohn, Culross.	John Martin, Barbadoes.
Lockhart Muirhead, Dysart.	Robert Ritchie, Glasgow.
Charles Stewart-Hawthorn, Ireland.	Robert Patrick, Leith.
Henry Maxwell, Paisley.	Robert Clark, Perth.

The Prizes of the GREEK CLASS were adjudged, for the best critical Essay on the *Oedipus Tyrannus* of *Sophocles*, to
James Brown, Stirling.

For the best Essay on the Nature and Accidents of *Noun*, to
William Crichton, M. A. Northumberland.

For the best Essay on the Analogy of Greek *Derivation*, to
George Muirhead, Dysart.

For the best Essay on the Greek *Prepositions*, to
Henry Maxwell, Paisley.

For excelling in the weekly *Grammatical Competition*, to
John Robertson, Glasgow.

For exemplary *Conduct* during the session, to

William Eadie, Strathern.	Thomas Fleming, Edinburgh.

The Prizes of the HUMANITY CLASS were adjudged, for the best *Translation* from Latin into English, to
Lockhart Muirhead, Dysart.

For the best *Translations* from English into Latin, to

William Eadie, Strathern.	Fife King, Jamaica.

For the best *Latin Verses* to

John Martin, Barbadoes.	James Smith, Glasgow.
Laur. Millar, Perthshire.	John Sommers, Hamilton.
Tho. Fleming, Edinburgh.	

For the best Specimens of *Elocution* in the delivery of Latin Speeches, to

John Sommers, Hamilton.	William Erskine, Strathern.
Samuel Metcalf, Glasgow.	James Smith, Glasgow.

For excelling in a Public *Examination*, to

Henry Fergus, Cumbernauld.	Campbell Betham, Isle of Man.

For Exemplary *Conduct*, during two sessions, to

David Lang, Dunbartonshire.	Ja. Stirling, Dunbartonshire.
George Pinkerton, Glasgow.	John Robertson, Glasgow.
James Dalziell, Glasgow.	Nicol Brown, Glasgow.
James Smith major, Glasgow.	Rob. Macbrayne, Glasgow.
James Smith minor, Glasgow.	William Marshall, Glasgow.
John Sommers, Hamilton.	William Wardrop, Glasgow.

REPRESENTATIVES *for the ensuing* GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Presbytery of CUPAR. The Rev. Mr Robert Bogie, at Logie, Mr Robert M'Culloch at Dairsie, Mr Andrew Ireland at Moonzie, Mr William Gourlay at Flisk, ministers. The Right Honourable the Earl of Leven, and Robert Meldrum of Pittormie, ruling elders.

Errat. in the advertisement in our last anent Reeds, for 1½d. read 1s. ½d.

The following VERSES *were spoken by Miss* KIRBY *at her Benefit, on Saturday last.*

IF Verse be fiction, it ill suits the heart,
That feels with gratitude, devoid of art.
No words can paint or pay the tribute due,
For that protection I've receiv'd from you.
A stranger here, I ventur'd far from home,
Nor vainly sought an hospitable dome;
For soon I found the truth of common fame,
That kindness here is not an empty name—
Nor praise to real merit e'er deny'd,
Or merit—tho' by industry supply'd.
My constant care to gain your kind applause,
Has sav'd me from the lash of Critic laws.
'Tis your's at once to be humanely brave,
To shield the stranger, or a country save.
Let Britain's foes but menace war's alarms,
And Caledonia's swains are up in arms:
The peaceful cottage, and the joys it yields,
Its owner soon foregoes for tented fields.
But, ah! this fatal war!—I grieve to say—
Has swept too many of your sons away.
Fraser soon fell! Death stopt his bold career—
The field was lost—yet laurels crown'd his bier.
The gallant Maitland next e'en death defy'd,
Came, saw, and *conquer'd,*—then serenely dy'd.
Peace to their manes!—hallow'd be the seat,
Where these great soldiers found their last retreat:
For tho' no sculptur'd stone point where they're laid,
Their country knows the sacrifice they made.
This tribute to their memory is giv'n—
But deeds like their's are register'd in heav'n.
Are these the fruits of war? Ah, let it cease!
For civil discord, give us smiling peace.
The gladening sound makes ev'ry heart expand;
Your heroes soon shall tread their native land:
And we who move in this our humble sphere,
E'en we—shall feel the genial influence here.——
This fond digression kindly you'll excuse—
A theme which might employ the noblest Muse;—
'Tis mine t'express what first I had in view,
The ardent gratitude I owe to you—
That gratitude, which neither time nor place
Can ever from this glowing breast efface.

LEITH SHIPPING.

ARRIVED,

May 8. Expédition, Adamson, from Hamburgh, with goods.
Katharine, Muirhead, from Elphinstone, with coals.
Isobell, Wilson, from Limekilns, with ditto.
Hellen, Ritchie, from Fraserburgh, with fish.

THE Committee of the Creditors of the deceased ALEXANDER GRAY Writer to the Signet, request a general Meeting of the Creditors, on Wednesday the 15th current, in the Exchange Coffeehouse, at 12 o'clock.

TO COVER this Season,

OTHELLO,

AT CRAIGROOK, two miles west of Edinburgh, upon the Queensferry road, a young stout horse, of the real draught kind. He will be seen at Edinburgh on the Wednesdays, and at Dalkeith on the Thursdays.

SALE OF WOODS IN ANNANDALE.

TO be SOLD, within the King's Arms Inn at Dumfries, on Wednesday the 12th day of June 1782, between the hours of four and five afternoon,

THE FOLLOWING WOODS ON THE ESTATE OF HOLMAINS:

I. The Woods on the farm of Kirkwood, in the parish of Dalton, consisting of about 60 acres, mostly oak.

II. The Old Timber Trees at the village of Dalton.

III. The Old Oak Wood interspersed among the farm of Holmains, in the same parish. And,

IV. The Wood upon the farm of Harthwood, in the parish of Lochmaben.

The articles of roup to be seen in the hands of William Campbell writer to the signet, Edinburgh; and copies thereof in the hands of Mr John Johnston, at Shilliehill, near Lochmaben.——The woods to be sold will be shown on applying at the house of Kirkwood.

FARM AND MILLS TO LET.

TO be LET, and entered to at Whitsunday next, 1782, for such a number of years as can be agreed upon,

The Farm of NEWMILLS, in the parish of Stow, and shire of Selkirk, as presently possessed by Robert Pringle. There is upon the Farm both a CORN and BARLEY MILL, with every conveniency for carrying on a great trade, being, from its vicinity to the turnpike roads, well situated for supplying the markets of Dalkeith, Edinburgh, and Peebles.——For particulars, apply to the proprietor at Bowland, or to William Craig, writer in Gallashiels. Mr Hamilton at Torwoodlee will show the premisses.

AT Carron Warehouse, brought by the Carron, Robert Paterson master, from London, the 26th April last,

A Parcel of GOODS, of the following marks,

A. M. 1 Bag 1 Cask.
E. 16 Sacks Seeds.
I. S. 3 Ditto ditto,
A. S. 3 Ditto ditto.

As these goods have no place marked on them, any person or persons producing envoice and shipmaster's receipt for them, or any of them, will please address the Carron Shipping Company, at Carron Wharf, by Falkirk.

SALE OF PRIZE-GOODS.

TO be SOLD by public auction, in different lots, at the Warehouse of Messrs RAMSAY, WILLIAMSON, and Co. Leith, on Monday the 20th of May current, precisely at ten o'clock forenoon,

The following GOODS, being part of the Cargo of the Snow FOUR FRIENDS, Prize to the LIVELY Privateer, *Willis Machell* Commander, taken on her passage from Amsterdam to Boston, viz,

106 Pieces fine broad cloth.
40 Pieces flannel and duffle.
5 Pieces cafimere.
60 Dozen pair of stockings.
100 Pieces thalloon, poplin, damin, and damask.
23 Pieces lasting.
184 Fine beaver hats.
200 Pieces callimanco, durant, and camblet.
100 Pieces calicoe.
25 Dozen handkerchiefs.
31 Pieces cotton beaver, velveret, jean, and thickset.
150 Pieces linen and sheeting.
26 Pieces huckaback, toweling, and dowlas.
17 Damask table-cloths.
82 Pieces check.
37 Pieces buckram.
3 Sattin petticoats.
37 Dozen leather mits & gloves.
2000 Yards gauze and lawn.
2500 Dozen tapes and bindings.
10 Bed tikes.
90 Pieces ribbons.
12 Boxes artificial flowers.
70 Dozen fans.
24 Pocket-books.
96 Pair silk garters.
30 Umbrellas.
22 Reams of paper.
120 Pair women's shoes.
132 Yards bolting cloth.
3000 Dozen sorted buttons and thimbles.
2000 Lib. thread.
1200 Dozen pins.
500000 Needles.
70000 Hair-pins.
370 Doz. table knives & forks.
600 Doz. penknives, couteaux, and scissars.
180 Brass cocks.
10 Brass kettles.
94 Dozen files.
400 Dozen of locks & hinges.
180 Sets of desk mounting.
300 Candlesticks.
35 Saws.
2000 Feet window-glass.
19 Cut lead shot.
122000 Nails.
11 Cut white lead.
22 Pieces raven duck.
100 Bolts of canvas.

And a variety of Haberdashery and Ironmongers Ware.

The goods are in excellent order, and will be shown three days before the sale.

Catalogues to be had by applying as above!

SEAMEN AND LANDMEN WANTED.

THE LIVELY Privateer, WILLIS MACHELL Commander, mounting 22 carriage guns, 6 and 12 pounders; and the LEVERET Privateer, J. DICKSON Commander, mounting 12 carriage guns,—are now fitting out at LEITH, and will very soon be ready to sail on a cruize against the enemies of Great Britain.

The Lively is a most capital ship; and during her last cruize captured three rich American prizes. Her consort the Leveret is allowed to be one of the swifteft cruizers in Europe.

Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Landmen are wanted for these vessels, and great encouragement will be given by applying to the Captains, or to Messrs Ramsay, Williamson, and Co. Leith.

A few Officers are wanted, particularly Masters Mates, a Boatswain, Carpenter, Gunner, and Quarter-masters, &c.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

At Herron's Long-Room in Glasgow, on Wednesday the 22d of May, at 12 o'clock mid day,

THE SNOW DE BATAVIER,

with all her masts, yards, cordage, sails, &c. as she now lies in the harbour of Greenock; being a prize to his Majesty's ships of war the Monarch, Panther, and Sybil.

Also, the following goods, being part of the Cargo of the said snow Batavier:

85 Hogsheads of Tobacco.
129 Casks of Clayed and Muscovado Sugar.
277 Bags of Coffee.
19 Casks of Rum.
141 Hides.

Inventory of the vessel, with the samples of the goods, and conditions of sale, will be shown at the counting-house of Somervell, Gordon, and Co. merchants, Glasgow.

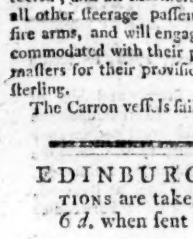
At CARRON for LONDON,

To sail May 13, 1782,

THE Carron Shipping Company's vessel the STIRLING, JOHN DICK Master, mounting 16 eighteen pounders, and men answerable. For freight or passage, apply to Mr G. Hamilton, Glasgow; Mr John Brown, Leith; or to the Carron Shipping Company, at Carron Wharf.

N. B. The Carron vessels are fitted out in the most complete manner for defence, at a very considerable expence, and are well provided with small arms. Able-bodied Landmen, who are desirous to serve on board these vessels for 3 years certain, will meet with the best encouragement, and be protected. All mariners, recruiting parties, soldiers upon furlow, and all other steerage passengers, who have been accustomed to the use of fire arms, and will engage to assist in defending themselves, shall be accommodated with their passage to or from London, upon satisfying the masters for their provisions, which in no instance shall exceed 10 s. 6 d. sterling.

The Carron vessels sail regularly as usual, without waiting for convoy.



At CARRON for LONDON,

To sail May 20, 1782,

THE Carron Shipping Company's Vessel The CARRON, ROBERT PATERSON Master, mounting 20 eighteen pounders, and men answerable. For freight or passage, apply to Mr G. Hamilton, Glasgow; Mr John Brown, Leith; or to the Carron Shipping Company, at Carron Wharf.

N. B. The Carron vessels are fitted out in the most complete manner for defence, at a very considerable expence, and are well provided with small arms.—Able-bodied Landmen, who are desirous to serve on board those vessels for three years certain, will meet with the best encouragement, and be protected; and all Mariners, Recruiting Parties, Soldiers upon furlow, and all other steerage passengers, who have been accustomed to the use of fire arms, and will engage to assist in defending themselves, shall be accommodated with their passage to or from London, upon satisfying the masters for their provisions, which in no instance shall exceed 10 s. 6 d. sterling.

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Notice to Creditors.

THE Purchaser of the Estate of SAINT FORT having paid the price to Mr Ludovick Grant accomptant, Edinburgh, trustee, for behoof of Thomas Walker, Esq; late of Saint Fort, and his Creditors, a scheme of division thereof, and of several other funds, is prepared: And it is requested such of the Creditors, or their doers, as incline will immediately peruse the same, in the hands of Mr Grant, the trustee.

Country House to Let in the parish of Cramond,

Entry at Whitsunday next.

THE House, Offices, Pigeon-House, and Garden of WHITEHOUSE, lying near the village of Upper Cramond, pleasantly situated about half a mile from the sea; with about nine acres of Pasture Ground.

For particulars, enquire at Barnton-House, or at Mr David Johnston, brewer in Corstorphin.

SALE OF LANDS IN STIRLINGSHIRE, AND HOUSE IN EDINBURGH.

TO be SOLD by voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Monday the 8th of July next, between the hours of five and six afternoon, in the following Lots, viz.

LOT I.

The LANDS of WOODSIDE, and Part of the Barony of TORWOODHEAD, lying south and east of the Torwood, as described in the title-deeds, with the teinds, parsonage and vicarage thereof; with the mansion-house, called *Dunbar-house*, offices, garden, orchard, pigeon cott, and whole parts, pendicles, and pertinents thereof. These lands are of a rich soil, low rented, and very improveable. The grounds around the house (let from year to year) are all completely inclosed and subdivided, and the fences in good repair, and having been laid down rich, and lain long in grass, will produce heavy crops, and bring a high rent when broke up. There is coal on these lands, and a great deal of planting, consisting of oak, ash, elm, beech, and other forest trees, in the most thriving condition, part of which are full grown. The mansion-house and offices are in good order, and fit to accommodate a large family. The garden, orchard, and pleasure ground, are well stocked with the very best kinds of fruit-trees and flowering shrubs. The situation is pleasant and commodious, being near the great turnpike road leading from Edinburgh to Stirling, within three miles of the river Forth, the like distance from Falkirk, and two miles from the great canal, and commanding a most extensive prospect of that rich and highly cultivated country lying on both sides of the Forth. These lands hold partly of the Crown, and partly of subject superiors, for payment of small feu-duties. The free rent, after all deductions, is 412 l. 17 s. 1 d. 4-12ths.

Lot II. The Lands and Barony of PLEAN, as described in the title-deeds, lying north of the Torwood, on both sides the turnpike road, with the teinds and pertinents.

These lands are extensive, and very improveable. They abound in coal, lime, iron, and free stone. They march with the lands of Bannockburn on the west, and upon boring, the seam of coal that is now wrought on the Bannockburn estate, has been discovered in this, twenty fathoms below the surface. This coal is four feet thick, and of an excellent quality.

About the middle of the estate there is a coal of the same thickness, the crop of which has been wrought fifteen fathoms below the surface; and as the ground declines to the east, it will be easy to drain this coal.

There are two oak coppice woods on this estate, of considerable extent, besides a good deal of planted trees, all completely inclosed with stone dykes so high as to defend sheep. But if a purchaser offer, these coppice woods will be immediately sold, being ready for cutting. These lands afford two freehold qualifications. They will be exposed together, or in two divisions, as separated by the turnpike road, as purchasers shall incline. The free rent, after all deductions, is 469 l. 18. 1½d.; but considerable rises of rent are stipulated by the current tacks for crop 1783, and after crops.

Lot III. That Large LODGING on the west side of New-street, Canongate, presently possessed by Captain Church-hill, with the back ground thereto belonging, with a servitude on the area to the east of said street, that nothing shall be erected thereon beyond the present parapet wall. This tenement was lately built and finished in the most substantial manner.

The progress of writs, conditions of sale, rentals, tacks, &c. are in the hands of James Stormonth writer in Edinburgh; and copies of the rentals &c. are in the hands of James Henderson writer in Falkirk; to either of whom any person inclining a private bargain of any part of the subjects, may apply.

The gardiner at Dunbar-house will show the grounds.

JUDICIAL SALE.

By authority of the Court of Session,

THERE is to be exposed to sale, by public roup, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the 9th day of July 1782, betwixt the hours of three and five afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the Bills,

The FOLLOWING SUBJECTS, which belonged to WILLIAM TAYLOR, late Writer in Edinburgh,

I. The TOWN and LANDS OF SOUTHFODD, *alias* SOUTHFIELD, and whole pertinents thereof, lying within the parish and regality of Dunfermline, and sheriffdom of Fife.

These Lands hold of the Crown. The free yearly rent of the stock, after all deductions, is proven to be	L.	252	5	5	6-12ths.
Exclusive of the lime-quarry, which is proven to be worth of yearly rent,		10	0	0	
And the proven free teind of these lands is		2	5	6	1-12th.
Proven free rent of stock and teind,	L.	264	10	11	7-12ths.

The proven value of the free stock of these lands, exclusive of lime-quarry, is twenty-five years purchase;—of the quarry, eight years purchase; and of the free teind, five years purchase;—extending the total value and upset price of these lands of Southfodd and pertinents to 6398 l. 3 s. 11 d. 11-12ths Sterling.

II. The SUPERIORITY of the KIRKLANDS of COUPAR, and others, lying within the parish of Coupar, and shire of Fife, holding blench of the Crown. The annual feu-duty payable out of these lands to the superior is two-pence Sterling, the double thereof at the entry of each heir, and 20 l. Sterling at the entry of each singular successor.—The valued rent of these lands is 264 l. Scots, and the proven value and upset price of the superiority 270 l. Sterling.

N. B. *This Superiority, along with the lands of Southfodd, make up a qualification to vote for a member of Parliament for the county of Fife.*

III. The Lands of ETTRICKHOUSE or ETTRICKHALL, with the teinds and whole pertinents, lying within the parish of Ettrick and sheriffdom of Selkirk, holding of the Crown.

The proven free yearly rent of these lands, stock and teind, is 136 l. 15 s. 6 d. 10-12ths Sterling; and the proven value thereof 2100 l. Sterling, at which they are to be exposed.

IV. THAT INCLOSURE consisting of fifteen acres, and six falls of ground in the fields of Inveresk, commonly called the Wester Fore-Brae, with the teind-sheaves and pertinents of the same, lying within the parish of Inveresk, and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, holding feu of the Duke of Buccleugh, for payment of 2 l. 4 s. Scots of feu-duty. The proven free rent of which lands, stock and teind, is 30 l. 17 s. 7 d. 3-12ths Sterling; and the proven value thereof at twenty-four years purchase, extends to 741 l. 3 s. 6 d. Sterling.

V. THAT LODGING or DWELLING-HOUSE in the city of Edinburgh, being the top-storey of the large stone tenement upon the north side of the High Street of Edinburgh, and fronting the same, entering by the scale stairs in the head of Craig's Close, with the whole garrets, cellars, and others thereto belonging, holding burgage, presently possessed by Mr Thomson grocer. The proven yearly rent whereof is 30 l. Sterling, valued at 270 l. Sterling, at which price the same is to be set up.

The articles of roup, &c. will be seen in the hands of Mr Alexander Ross depute clerk of Session.

PANANICH LODGE, Aberdeenshire.

ALEXANDER MITCHELL, from the Black Bull at Aberdeen, begs leave respectfully to acquaint the Public, That he has taken the House of Pananich Lodge, and grass grounds adjoining, for the purpose of accommodating those who chuse to attend the Pananich Wells with lodgings and entertainment. No attention or expence has been saved to make this little place convenient and pleasant for the summer season; and as the advertiser is most desirous of giving general satisfaction, he flatters himself nothing shall fail on his part. The house is perfectly dry and free of smoke, and the furniture, particularly the beds, are extremely good. The rooms are from five to seven shillings a week, which, with the prices of liquors, and breakfasts, dinners, &c. have all been fixed by the proprietor as low as the situation of the place can possibly admit of.—Those who are pleased to order lodgings, will be so good as direct to Alexander Mitchell at Pananich Lodge, to the care of Mr Robert Innes, Castlestreet, Aberdeen; and it is humbly requested that particular mention be made of the day from which they are taken, to prevent mistakes. There is plenty of good old hay; and saddle horses may also be had to hire by the mile, or by the day.

N. B. Goat Whey in its season.

Pananich Lodge is forty English miles west of Aberdeen, good coach road all the way; as also from Coupar in Angus by Braemarr.

To be SOLD, by public voluntary roup and sale, within the house of Patrick Kellie vintner in Crectoun, on Wednesday the 26th day of June next, between the hours of twelve and two afternoon,

ALL and Whole the Lands of CRAIGNOOK,

lying in the parish of Kirkmabreck, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright. These lands consist of 256 acres or thereby, whereof there are about 50 acres of good arable and meadow land; the rest is chiefly hilly, and good sheep-pasture. The old rent, for many years, was 20 l. 16 s. 10 d.—the present free rent is 25 l. Sterling.

The articles of roup will be seen in the hands of Robert Ferguson writer in Wigton, and the progress of writs in the hands of Alexander Abercrombie writer to the signet. James Macburnie tenant in Cuil, near Creetoun, will show the lands.

N. B. For the encouragement of purchasers, the upset price will be 400 l. Sterling.

SALE OF LANDS.

TO be SOLD by roup, or auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse Edinburgh, on Thursday the 27th day of June 1782, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon,

I. The Lands and Barony of CLOSEBURN, lying in the united parishes of Closeburn and Dalgarno, and shire of Dumfries, with the right of patronage of the said united parishes. To be exposed, for the encouragement of purchasers, at 47,000 l.

II. The Farm of KIRKPATRICK, marching with the barony of Closeburn, and lying in the parish and county aforesaid. To be exposed at 1550.

III. The Lands and Estate of SHAWS, also marching with the said barony of Closeburn, and lying in the parish and county aforesaid. To be exposed at 6300 l.

IV. The Lands and Estate of CAPENOCH, lying in the parish of Keir and shire foresaid. To be exposed at 5250.

The Barony of Closeburn consists of about 9360 acres; and the free rent for the year to Whitsunday 1781, after deduction of public burdens, was about 1800 l. exclusive of the lime-quarries.

The Woods upon this estate are extensive and valuable, consisting of about 270 acres, whereof 180 is mostly oak, one half twenty years old, the other lately cut; 50 is firs and other timber near and around the mansion-house, all full grown, being above 50 years old; and the remaining 40 acres is thriving plantations of young firs on the farms of Campel and Lakehead. The oak woods, at the last cutting, sold for above 2300 l.

The farm of Closeburn Mains is all inclosed and sub-divided, and some of the parks were, a few years ago, laid down to grass in great heart, and a considerable part of the remaining estate is also inclosed and laid out in small farms, and provided with neat farm houses and offices, lately built.

Near the middle of this Barony there is a lime-work, in a most flourishing condition, which, besides affording a noble fund for improving the estate, has, for a number of years past, yielded several hundred pounds of clear annual profit.

The estate has right of Salmon-fishing on the river Nith, which bounds it on the south. It has also great plenty of moss; and the whole is well sheltered and watered.

It is situated about ten measured miles from the market-town, and 13 from the sea port of Dumfries, where there is a constant demand for grain, both for home consumption and export; also a weekly market for cattle of every kind. It is about the same distance from Sanquhar, from which coal is got at a reasonable rate; and it is only two miles from the village of Thornhill, where there is a quarterly fair, and a good market for yarn, and all sorts of coarse cloths, the manufactures of the country.

The great roads from England and Dumfries, to Glasgow and Ayr, by Thornhill and Sanquhar, and to Edinburgh, by the Lead-hills, pass through this estate, for upwards of three miles.

These advantages, in point of situation and intercourse, afford an opportunity to the tenants of getting the very best prices for the produce of their farms.

The barony of Closeburn stands rated in the cess-books at 4350 merks Scots, whereof above 3000 merks holds blench of the Crown, and the remainder of subjects for payment of small feu-duties; and the proprietor has right to the tithes.

The Farm of Kirkpatrick lies interjected between the barony of Closeburn and the lands of Shaws; it is a very large and a very improveable farm, consisting of 429 acres, or thereby, which includes 30 acres of fir planting, about 13 years old, very thriving.

This farm was lately purchased, and was then reckoned a very cheap bargain; and since that time about 220 l. has been laid out for building, inclosing, and liming.

The Lands of Shaws are beautifully situated on the river Nith, and have a good salmon-fishing in that river; and they march with Closeburn and Kirkpatrick on the east. They consist of about 490 acres, all well inclosed and subdivided; as they are mostly in the hands of the proprietor, the present yearly rent cannot be ascertained; but it is expected, that, in a year or two hence, they will yield a clear rent of about 300 l per annum.

There is a neat commodious mansion-house and excellent office-houses of all kinds, all in good repair. The woods are valuable, consisting in whole of about 67 acres, partly full grown and fit for sale; and the remainder well advanced and very thriving.

These lands were lately purchased at 5540 l.; but, since that time, above 1000 l. has been laid out in liming, improving, and building houses for tenants.

The estate of Capenoch is pleasantly situated on the banks of the waters of Shinnel and Scarr. It contains 900 acres or thereby, including about 56 acres of wood, mostly oak, twenty years old, and so almost fit for sale. The arable part of this estate has almost all been limed within these few years; and the pasture ground is reckoned one of the best sheep walks in Nithsdale. The lands of Byreholm is all inclosed and divided into small farms, and good houses built on them.

The present rent of Byreholm and Bogrioch Park is 138 l. and the former rent of Capenoch was about 107 l. It was in the heritor's own hand for the year 1780; but is now let for three years, from Whitsunday 1781, at 60 l. under restriction as to ploughing; but, in the hands of the purchaser, there is no doubt of its leting again upon a lease of endurance at the former rent of 107 l. The woods are valuable; at last cutting, twenty years ago, they sold for about 1000 l.

William Campbell writer to the signet will shew the title-deeds, rent-rolls, and current leases, also plans of the estates, and conditions of sale; and copies of the rent-rolls will be seen in the hands of Mr William Macdowal, at Dumfries, factor on the estate, who will also shew the lands.

For farther particulars, apply to Alexander Farquharson accomptant in Edinburgh, who has power to sell by private bargain, and will be ready to treat and allow a reasonable time to pay the price.

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